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DAMASK DRAPERIES

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Smithboro, Illinois,
April 2nd 1932.

Dr. Louis A. Warren.
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dr. Sir.

I noticed in "The Vandalia Leader" of March 31st. where you were wanting to know Who had any Lincoln Curios.
I have some Damask Curtains that were purchased at the same Sale that the Group of Lincoln Furniture was, that was sold to Henry Ford by the Wilsons in Hillsboro, Ill. about 2 years ago; all were purchased by Mr. Harry Willson at the Lincoln Sale at Springfield just before he went to Washington D. C. to take up his duties as President. The Curtains are for sale. They are not all the same size & some faded & worn by Age.

If you would like any more information in regard to these, will be glad to tell you all I know,

May I hear from you soon. With Thanks.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Emma E. Bennett,

Smithboro, Illinois,

Bond Co,

DAMASK CURTAINS - SUPPOSED TO HAVE BELONGED TO THE LINS.

April 6, 1932

Mrs. Emma E. Bennett
Smithboro, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Thank you for calling attention to the damask curtains formerlly belonging to President Lincoln, which are in your possession.

I do not feel we could use them in the display we are arranging, as we have found it necessary to confine ourselves largely to books, portraits, medals, etc., as room will not allow us to show furniture and furnishings.

We will be very glad to make a note of these Lincoln relics as there may be those who will inquire for such items.

Respectfully yours,

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW:EB

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Smithboro. Illinois.
April 27th 1932.

Mr. Louis A. Warren. director.
Fort Wayne. Indiana.

Dear Sir

Thanks for your letter of April 6th. I will gladly pay for any assistance you can render me in the sale of the curtains. Do you know of any parties that have Lincoln curtains? So far I have been unable to find any.

Hope to hear from you soon.
With Thanks.

Yours very truly.

Mrs. Emma E. Bennett.

Smithboro.
Bond Co.
Illinois.

May 3, 1932

Mrs. Emma E. Bennett
Smithboro, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

We do not know of any one who has Lincoln curtains and if we are able to place them for you there will be no charge whatever as this Foundation receives no remuneration for anything it does.

Very sincerely yours,

Director

LAW:LH

Smithboro. Illinois
May 14th 1932.

Mr Louis A. Warren, Director
Fort Wayne
Ind.

Dear Sir "

Your letter of May 3rd received for which I thank you. Hope you will pardon my writing again. I am very anxious to learn.

Mr. Oliver R. Barrett's address which is in Chicago.

I read in the State Capitol news, in the Greenville Advocate where he & his son had been guests at the Lincoln tomb. And that he had a valuable Lincoln Collection. & had contributed a number of items to the Lincoln Collection at Springfield. If you should know his address or have any way of getting it. I would appreciate knowing if you send it to me.

With many thanks, Yours truly,
Mrs Emma E. Bennett Smithboro Illinois

May 17, 1932

Mrs. Emma E. Bennett
Smithboro, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

The address of Mr. Oliver R. Barrett is 310 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, c/o Cooke, Sullivan & Ricks.

I happen to be personally acquainted with Mr. Barrett and am pleased to send you his address.

Respectfully yours,

Director

LAW:LH

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Smithboro, Illinois,
Sept 21st 1932,

Mr. Louis A. Warren.
Fort Wayne. Ind.

Dear Sir.

Please pardon me for writing again. I want to tell you that I read your Article in "Post Dispatch" in. regard to Abraham Lincoln's Father." You made some statements that I never knew before. (which I am glad to know. You suggested that I write to Mr. Oliver Barrett which I did He said that his collection was 2 manuscripts. He that it would be a nice thing if they could go back to the old Lincoln home at Springfield. But, I do not think the State is in position to buy anything at the present time. And I need money so I could not afford to give them to the State.

so will ask if you can give me the names of any other parties that might be interested; any help you can give me will surely be greatly appreciated. My Father was a great admirer of Lincoln, voted for him when Elected President.

May I hear from you soon. With thanks.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Emma E. Bennett,

Smithboro, Bond Co,

Illinois.

September 23, 1932

Mrs. Emma E. Bennett
Smithboro, Bond County, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I wish I might be able to assist you in the disposition of your Lincoln items but just at present I cannot think of any groups in the market for curios. With perhaps one possible exception, you might write to Ralph Bonnell, Jr., Congress Construction Company, 506 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Regretting very much indeed my inability to be of further assistance to you, I am

Respectfully yours,

Director
LAW:LH Lincoln Historical Research Foundation